

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, March 21, 2010

"God's Work, Our Hands" This Week at Zion

Sunday, March 21, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
12:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:30 p.m. Luther League

Monday, March 22, 2010

- 6:30 p.m. Pantry Packing
7:00 p.m. Catechism

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Pantry Distribution
9:30 a.m. Christian Learning (at Eve's)
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting
7:00 p.m. MA

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, March 25, 2010

- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, March 26, 2010

- 6:45 p.m. NA (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:45 p.m. Al-anon (*Teen Room*)

Saturday, March 27, 2010

- 11:30 a.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, March 28, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
12:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
12:00 p.m. Worship Committee (*Teen room*)

Spirit of Hope Fish Fry!

Friday March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you find yourself working or traveling anywhere near Spirit of Hope, stop by or call ahead with an order to support our mission partner in their fundraiser this spring!

Worship Committee

Will be meeting in the Teen room next week after the Palm Sunday Service March 28th.

Mid-week Lenten Services

Mid-week services will continue on Thursday nights throughout Lent. Each night will begin with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m., and service at 7:00.

If you can help prepare or clean up for the soup suppers please contact Fran VanFossan.

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

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| Presiding Minister | Pastor Gateman & Pastor Meulendyk |
| Preaching | Walter Jackson |
| Assisting Minister | Kenn Jones |
| Lector | Sandy Ayers |
| Organist, pianist | Scott Schroeder |
| Chancel Choir | Roger Smith |
| Adult Bell Choir | Megan Higle |
| Greeters | The Gaden Family |



Flowers were placed on the altar this week in celebration of Kate Krasa's 30th Birthday, with love from dad..

If you would like to sponsor flowers to honor or remember an important person or event, sign up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. Once you put your name on the chart, please leave a note in the office if you would like a dedication in the weekly Tidings and any flower preference you may have. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for payment and to mark your dedication.

Zion's Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran's commitment is to glorify God by reaching out to our family and community to provide a Christian atmosphere through spiritual growth, learning and service. As a community of the people of God, the members of Zion Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (*Galatians 3:28*). Christ has made us one.

Church Council update

As spring unfolds the council is hard at work finishing up several ongoing projects including:

- Finishing the Basement Renovation Project
- Finalizing the Church Constitution updates & corrections
- Building a restoration fund & fundraising plan.

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful lunch and tribute March 7. I was overwhelmed. It truly has been my pleasure and privilege to teach the children of our congregation all these years. I love you all and continue to pray for you all.
Hope Hughes



Please sign the red attendance book at the end of the pew and pass it down. Also remember to fill out a card when you receive communion.

Attendance on March 14th was 166.
On March 18th was 30.

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www.fernzion.org - Check it out!

A Reconciling in Christ Community



Zion Staff

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| Pastor | Paul F. Gateman | ext. 101 |
| Pastor | John Meulendyk | ext. 102 |
| Secretary | Sonya Ferris | ext. 100 |
| Organist | Scott Schroeder | |
| Adult Choir | Roger Smith | |
| Bells & Youth Choir | Megan Higle | |
| Nursery | Julie Baaki | |
| Custodian | Fred Reed | |

Prayer Requests

If you have a specific prayer request, please contact one of the following Prayer-Ring Members:

Rosie Draudt (248) 399-2147
Shirley Nesseth (248) 435-6744
or e-mail: zionoffice@earthlink.net

**Please note these are for specific requests, not to be added to the printed list on the right.*



If you would like to be added to the prayer list or know of someone, please submit their full name in writing and include your name and relationship.

- Alice Anderson - member
- Anton Anderssen - member
- Chris Binkowski - friend of Charles Senseman
- Margaret Bukoski - mother of Ann Rogers
- Dorothy Caddell - member
- Shirley Cannon - aunt of Carol Wunderlich
- Julie Estigoy - daughter of Shirley Nesseth
- Edward Fitzpatrick - father of Susan Radzilowski
- Jeanette Forton - friend of Carol & Dave Wunderlich
- Theresa Fulgenzi - partner of Dawn Lyman
- Alice Garlock - mother to Sandy Ayers
- Tony Glaza Family - Friends of Carol & Muriel
- Lee Hetrick - member
- Vernice Jackson - member
- Walter Jackson - member
- Matthew Karabe - Dave Sidlosky's supervisor
- Wesley Kjome - brother of Shirley Nesseth
- Jordan Laland - friend of Wayne Early
- Betty LePage - member
- Yefim Levit - friend of Dave & Candy Sidlosky
- Larry McBride Sr. - father of Larry McBride Jr.
- Catherine McKeever - sister of Ceil Mac-Smith
- Betty Mostellee - sister of Ann Rogers
- Elsie Niemi - member
- MaryAnn O'Connor - mother of Beth O'Connor
- Marge Pertner - member
- Perk Robins - brother-in-law of Nancy Doyle
- Marion Smith - mother of Roger Smith
- Helen Steinke - member
- Chris Turner - brother-in-law of Nicholas Gadzinski
- Ana Watson - niece of Dolly Miles



***Please note ~ Prayer requests may be turned into the office at any time. When prayers are no longer needed, please let us know so that a prayer of thanksgiving may be offered.*

Coffee Hour Hosting

Coffee Hour is simply that. Coffee! If a bagel or two is added – great! Our goal is to keep it simple and provide a place for people to fellowship. Occasionally, we do something a little more extravagant on special occasions. These special occasions are NOT a standard for coffee hour. We really need people to volunteer to sing up for hosting a simple coffee hour. If you feel reluctant to do so, ask a friend to co-host a coffee hour with you. Always check the kitchen refrigerator and cupboards to see what is available to use. To be eco-friendly there are mugs, silverware & washable juice cups as well.

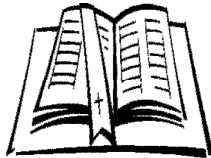
Coffee hour is a simple, and yet, powerful way of doing a ministry. If you are willing to participate in the outreach ministry, please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the fellowship hall. THANKS!

Many thanks to Brad & Dennis for cooking up a storm again this morning and providing the pancake brunch & supporting the Zion Food Pantry!



Lessons for Next Sunday 03/21/2010

- Luke 19:28-40
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalms 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56



Adult Christian Formation and Lent

A Sunday class for all adults continues at 9:15 a.m. We will meet to engage the contemplative practices of Lent as well as meditate on Scripture and the writings of Theologian Henri Nouwen in the book *Lent and Easter*. The class is facilitated by Pr. John and augmented by Moose Flores. Please join us this year for a unique experience!

Baptism

If you are interested in baptism for yourself and/or your child please call the church office (248-398-5510) and speak to one of the Pastors. They will set up a time to meet with you, and schedule the baptism. The Lutheran Church encourages baptisms be held during a worship service.



Tibetan Singing Bowl

The crystal singing bowl located next to the pulpit comes from a very ancient Buddhist ritual in the near east. The bowl is used in meditation and prayer. Unlike prayer in the west which is frequently a time of quiet, the Tibetan bowl is tuned to vibrate with our physical bodies. Some people simply hear a “strange” tone. However, if you listen long enough, you may begin to feel a part of your body begin to vibrate. The vibration anchors our prayers and meditative thought in an experiential way so that we might begin to live out our prayers in a real world.



It's Pantry Time!

The food is here, the bags are nearly ready, it's time to Pack the bags tomorrow night, Monday 3/22 at 6:30, and Pantry Distribution is Tuesday 3/23, at 9:00 a.m. We still need brown paper grocery bags with handles, and helpers!

Secret Pal Sign up!

If you would like to join in the fun with secret pals, now is the time to sign up! New secret pals will start right at Easter so please let us know if you want to join in by Palm Sunday, March 28.

Firepots

The firepots located on the altar and on both sides of the sanctuary are from an ancient ritual and the fire attempts to show us how our lives are burned up and dry. They are reflection pieces that help us to look inwardly at our lives. The firepots are designed to help us to stay centered on the disciplines of Lent which include prayer, fasting, repentance and works of love. In the waters of baptism poured out on the Eve of Easter (Easter Vigil), we find the dryness of our lives refreshed only in the life giving waters that Christ gives us in his resurrection.

